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In Application of)

Josee HAMEL, et al.)

Serial No.: 09/471,255)

Filed: December 23, 1999)

Title: NOVEL STREPTOCOCCUS ANTIGENS)

Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: V. Portner

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement described in Office Action [non-final] mailed August 22, 2001, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire September 22, 2001, Applicants hereby elect for prosecution in the above-identified application the BVH-3 polypeptide sequence (SEQ ID No. 2). The requirement for election of species is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 30, as follows.

30. (Amended) A method according to claim 26, wherein said bacterial infection is

S.pneumonia, group A *streptococcus* (*pyogenes*), group B *streptococcus* (GBS or *agalactiae*), *dysgalactiae*, *uberis*, *nocardia* or *Staphylococcus aureus*.